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Greetings,

I find it disturbing that the settlement makes no mention of file format problems. Microsoft continually changes its file formats causing incompatibility within its own products and other's products. They do not publish specifications of their file format so that others can write software which can work with them. This forces users to buy Microsoft products even though they may not want to, or cannot afford to buy a modern computer or all of the Microsoft software they will have to buy. Simply releasing specifications of their file formats would allow others to write competing software which would encourage innovation, and improve the computing experience for many people.

Thank you for your time.

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